

The purpose of this e-mail is to inform you and other stakeholders about the EGAPP Project, and to provide an opportunity for you to ask questions or provide comments or suggestions. This information is being sent to you because you requested information, were recommended by other interested individuals, or because this project may have relevance to you or your organization. Questions, comments, and suggestions are welcome and should be directed to <a href="EGAPP@cdc.gov">EGAPP@cdc.gov</a>.

#### **About EGAPP**

Evaluation of Genomic Applications in Practice and Prevention (EGAPP) is a three-year model project developed by the Office of Genomics and Disease Prevention (OGDP) at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The goal of the EGAPP Project is to support the first phases of a coordinated, systematic, and sustainable process for evaluating genomic applications in transition from research to clinical and public health practice. More information about the background and objectives of the project can be found on the OGDP website

(<a href="http://www.cdc.gov/genomics/gTesting.htm">http://www.cdc.gov/genomics/gTesting.htm</a>) and in the May, 2005 update (<a href="http://www.cdc.gov/genomics/gtesting/EGA">http://www.cdc.gov/genomics/gtesting/EGA</a> PP/docs/egappInfo.htm).

## **Project Activities**

#### **EGAPP Working Group**

In April, 2005, twelve members of the independent EGAPP Working Group were announced. A thirteenth member was named in June, 2005. The roster of Working Group members and biographical sketches for each can be found at <a href="http://www.cdc.gov/genomics/gtesting/egapp.htm#wgroup">http://www.cdc.gov/genomics/gtesting/egapp.htm#wgroup</a>.

#### May, 2005 Meeting of Working Group

The first meeting of the Working Group was held in Atlanta on May 18-19, 2005. Key discussion points and conclusions from the January, 2005 Expert Meeting on Evidence-Based Review of Genomic Applications provided a starting point for Working Group deliberations on methodology to be used for evidence reviews, potential topics for review, and development of a comprehensive list of potential medical and social outcomes to be considered for each topic. Each member joined one of three subcommittees (Topics, Methods, Outcomes) that continued to work between meetings by teleconference and reported on their activities at the July meeting.

#### July, 2005 Meeting of Working Group

The second meeting of the Working Group was held in Atlanta on July 18-19, 2005. Following subcommittee reports, the Working Group continued discussions on methods, outcomes and topics. Two topics were selected for evidence review:

- Screening for Hereditary Nonpolyposis Colorectal Cancer (HNPCC) in Newly Diagnosed Colorectal Cancer Patients
- Testing for Cytochrome P450
   Polymorphisms in Adults with Non-Psychotic Depression Prior to

Treatment with Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors (SSRIs)

# Summary reports on these meetings can be found at

(http://www.cdc.gov/genomics/gtesting/EG APP/meetings.htm).

The next meeting of the Working Group will take place in Atlanta, GA October 17-18, 2005.

If you are interested in attending the Working Group meeting as an observer, contact Sheri Jordan at <a href="mailto:EGAPP@cdc.org">EGAPP@cdc.org</a>.

### **Updates on the EGAPP Project**

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http://www.cdc.gov/genomics/gTesting.htm.

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